Bangalore,
20th January 1916.

Most Exalted Highness,

Being one who has served the State of Mysore for over twenty eight years under such distinguished Statesmen like the late Mr. Rangacharlu and Sir Sheshadri Iyer and who is filled with the greatest amount of veneration and gratitude for Your Highness' person may I propose for Your Highness' consideration the great need that now exists for a careful and detailed survey of the doings of the present Dewan since his accession to his present post. He has a burning ambition to make a name for himself some way or other and take rank with that remark-Dewan Sir Sheshadri Iyer, but miserably lacks the intellect and sagacity that are so essential for the purpose He is only a type of an ostentatious Dewan. He enthusiastically takes up anything presented to him, so much so that during his administration fools pass off as wise men and the wise fools. He is extremely fickle-minded, never definite in his thoughtsand has been squandering the poor ryots' money on mostly ill-conceived schemes There is not in him even the smallest particle of original capacity, though he pretends to possess much of it and makes innovations of all sorts just to the disgust of his subordinates.

He has a very special aptitude for

Engineering work and that too only on the Irrigation side. I am not saying these out of any ill-will towards him On the other hand I have a very high admiration for his knowledge of Irrigation but there is no doubt that he is several miles behind the average to be Your Highness' worthy Minister. If Mysore should prosper he should ve very soon make room for men of much superior talent, originality and intellect. It takes a very considerable time to set right the great disorder into which things have already fallen during the last four yearsand I in common with the millions of Your Highness' subjects pray the Almighty that He may influence Your Highness' mind very soon to give this important question the gravest attention that it demands. This is the voice of the vast majority of Your Highness' subjects which I only

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